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Clear, low humidity today; cooler to night; fair tomorrow.  
Temperatures today—High, 73, at 1:30 p.m.; low, 60, at 5:05 a.m. Yesterday, High, 88, at 3:25 p.m.; low, 66, at 5:40 p.m.

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## Churchill Resigns, but Will Head New Cabinet Until July Election; Entire Nazi Government Seized

### Britain to Vote For First Time In Ten Years

By the Associated Press.  
LONDON, May 23.—Prime Minister Churchill resigned today and King George VI accepted the resignation and asked him to form a new administration.

The resignation formally broke up the wartime coalition cabinet formed in Britain's darkest days in 1940. A general election, the first in Britain in 10 years, is expected to be called for July 5.

Mr. Churchill was expected to form a new government within a few hours to serve until after the election. Labor party ministers, who share in the cabinet the responsibility for prosecuting the war, have signified their determination to have no part in the administration until elections are held.

Parliament to Be Dissolved.

The King's acceptance of Mr. Churchill's resignation was announced formally at No. 10 Downing street through the Ministry of Information. The announcement said Mr. Churchill "accepted his majesty's offer of the post of Prime Minister and kissed hands upon his appointment."

Three weeks must elapse under an interparty agreement before the monarch dissolves the heavily Conservative Parliament.

The Labor ministers were given a mandate by their party earlier this week to resign if an election was forced at this time.

The Labor party, in conference at Blackpool, challenged Mr. Churchill's leadership with a sweeping reform program calling for ultimate establishment of a British Socialist commonwealth.

The British Press Association predicted the new government would include such men as Sir John An-



PRIME MINISTER CHURCHILL.  
—AP Photo.

### French Stand Firm As Tension Mounts In Lebanon, Syria

#### Refuse to Withdraw Troops; Early Ending Of Dispute Held Unlikely

By the Associated Press.

LONDON, May 23.—Tension remained at high pitch in Syria and Lebanon today as the French government gave no sign of withdrawing troop reinforcements whose arrival in the two countries brought from their governments assertions that their sovereignty had been violated.

Dispatches from Cairo said the French attitude apparently remained firm and that there were scant prospects for an early settlement of the situation, which already has resulted in scattered clashes and bloodshed.

Meanwhile, advices from Paris reported that the French cabinet had held a lengthy night session, presumably in connection with Levantine affairs, but there was no immediate indication of the outcome. A Paris broadcast said French troops in Syria had been ordered to take up "protective dispositions" and "to remain on the defensive."

**General Strike Staged.**  
The Arab newspaper *Al-Difa* in Jerusalem said Arabs were observing a general strike throughout Palestine "in sympathy with the Syrians and Lebanese over violation of their independence."

The Pan-Arab League previously had denounced the French action. From San Francisco came news that the Syrian and Lebanese delegations at the World Security Conference had accused France of using Senegalese troops in their homeland as "instruments of political pressure and coercion" to obtain a privileged position.

A spokesman for the French delegation, Raymond D'Offroy, told a news conference in San Francisco that France planned to use the Levant states for airbases, depots and ports in the war against Japan, and added that France must maintain a "dominant position" in the area or some other power would replace her.

He stated, Syria and Lebanon could not guarantee their security in modern warfare and some great power must serve as their protector.

**France Must Keep Order.**  
Previously, the Paris radio had said the French forces were moved into the Levant states because of military developments in the Far East, where France-Indo-China is occupied by the Japanese. It added that France was responsible for order in Lebanon.

The French press agency said the Syrian and Lebanese ministers in Paris had handed a joint note of protest to the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The Beirut radio said the Lebanese government had broken off negotiations with France over demands for concessions and that the break had been approved by the Chamber of Deputies. The broadcasts were heard by the Federal Communications Commission.

**Fuchs, Called Traitor by Nazis, Will Govern U. S. Area of Reich**

By the Associated Press.

TOENNSTEIN, Germany, May 23.—An aged German Catholic became the highest civil official in the occupied Reich today and voiced a plea for the German people "to learn the principles of brotherly love."

As overpresident of the Rhine province, President Dietrich, 70-year-old Dr. Hans Fuchs has been re-elected from the political scrap heap where the Nazis tossed him 12 years ago, writing the word "traitor" on his house.

Dr. Fuchs has been charged by Dr. Goebbels to lead the German people and commander of the American 15th Army, with responsibility for carrying out the administration, under American supervision, of the largest political entity carved out of Germany by any Allied power.

In his first public statement on the policy he hopes to follow in his 14,000-square-mile military district, Dr. Fuchs told the Associated Press:

### Members of High Command Also Arrested

**BULLETIN.**  
FLENSBURG, Germany (AP).—Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz, successor to Hitler, was arrested today by Allied supreme headquarters, which ordered his Reich "government" disbanded.

Col. Gen. Gustav Jodl and Admiral von Friedberg, both signers of the capitulation at Reims, also were placed under arrest and taken away by Allied military guards. They followed Doenitz up the gangplank of the ship in Flensburg harbor, which has served as the Allied headquarters post here since the capitulation.

Meanwhile, Russian intelligence reports to supreme headquarters said that Hitler died in a mercy killing.

By the Associated Press.

**SUPREME ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Paris, May 23.**—Supreme headquarters announced today the arrest of all members of the so-called Flensburg government and an official source said this meant that henceforth Allied officers would deal directly with the German people and German prisoners.

Members of the high command in Flensburg were taken into custody along with the Government figures as prisoners of war, it was announced. This means the dispersal of the high command, the official source said.

**Used While Disarming Nazis.**  
Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz, who succeeded Hitler as Fuehrer, has headed the Flensburg regime.

Maj. Gen. Lowell W. Rooks, who yesterday was announced belatedly as Gen. Eisenhower's representative at Flensburg, now is out of a job and can go on to other duties, the source said.

This source said the Flensburg group never was recognized by the Allies as a "government," but that its members were used by the supreme Allied command as a vehicle with which to control the disarming of the German Army and speed its way into prison camps.

"These arrests mean that from now on some Allied officer will give orders to German prisoners, or some local commander will assert that a vehicle with which to control the disarming of the German high command," the source said. "The German high command now is being dispersed and put out of existence."

**Now Revert to Prison Camps.**  
The arrest of the Flensburg group was taken to indicate that its usefulness as a body is finished and its members now revert to prison camps or have been placed at the disposal of the Allies.

The announcement of Gen. Rooks' appointment had been delayed, and he had been in Flensburg for some time.

The supreme headquarters announcement said that those arrested included 300 officers and a number of other ranks and civilians.

**Reds Demand Speedy Punishment For Nazis**

NEW YORK, May 23 (AP).—Russian demands for quick punishment of German war criminals were reiterated today by a Moscow radio commentator, who asserted there was nothing "mysterious" about Soviet desires that the Nazi menace be eradicated without delay.

"I think the term could, with better effect, be applied to the conduct of certain British and American authorities with regard to the defeated Hitlerites," said the commentator, Boris Izakov. The broadcast was reported by the FCC.

"We in the Soviet Union," Izakov added, "want only one thing: To be consistent to the end. The war was waged to destroy the Nazi menace, and in my opinion, now that the enemy is defeated, that menace must be eradicated without tears or shilly-shallying."

Why exchange compliments with hardened Nazi murderers? Better send them straight to the gallows."

By the Associated Press.

At dusk Monday, 12 or more enemy planes attacked ships of the United States Pacific Fleet supporting the Okinawa operation. Today's communiqué, disclosing the raid, said eight planes were shot down and the remainder retired from the area without causing damage."

Sunday and Monday, carrier-based planes of the British Pacific Fleet attacked airbases, docks and other facilities in the Sakishima group, southernmost of the Ryukyus, and shot down an enemy plane.

The communiqué said Japanese planes caused a few casualties but lost two raiders in a low-level night attack Monday on American-held Iwo Jima. The Yanks still are picking off enemy stragglers. Between May 13 and 19, 94 more Japs were killed on Iwo and 134 more taken prisoner.

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See FUCHS, Page A-4.

### Yanks' Advance Doubles Length Of Okinawa Line

#### Spectacular Drive Pushes Through and Beyond Yonabaru

By the Associated Press.

GUAM, May 23.—A spectacular advance by the American 7th Infantry Division through and beyond strategic Yonabaru virtually doubled the length of the Southern Okinawa line today and imperiled Japanese defenses safeguarding the capital of Naha and the fortress city of Shuri.

The flanking drive, aimed at supply roads vital to the enemy, added nearly 4,000 yards to the front which had been so narrow American troops had little room to maneuver to advantage, Maj. Gen. Archibald V. Arnold, Bronxville, N. Y., commander of the 7th Division, said.

The 7th, refreshed by a two-week rest, followed the 96th Infantry Division into Yonabaru yesterday, then moved on into the hills 1,000 yards beyond in a predawn attack that caught the enemy by surprise.

The Doughboys seized the northern end of a strategic line of ridges along the east coast between Riol and Intarashiku and occupy heights from which their snipers overlook supply roads to Shuri in the center of the line.

**First Major Town To Fall.**  
Yonabaru, second largest Okinawa town, was entered by Maj. Gen. James L. Bradley's 96th Division late Monday and was the first major town on the island to fall into American hands.

In the darkness of yesterday morning, opposed only by sniper fire, 7th Division elements sloshed through Yonabaru, cut the east-west traffic artery between that town and Naha, and established strong positions on the ridges.

The Marines also observed troop movements in the eastern and southern parts of the city and saw 30 Japanese with war dogs, the first known use of dogs by the enemy on the island.

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**First Japanese Tanks And War Dogs Seen In Okinawa Capital**  
By the Associated Press.

OKINAWA, May 23.—One of 15 Japanese tanks, the first seen by 6th Infantry Marines on Okinawa, was destroyed, and the 14 others were driven back by accurate artillery fire today.

The tanks were seen in the southeastern suburbs of Naha, 4,000 yards south of the Marine front, which is located on high ground overlooking the capital city.

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**Would Dominate Major Roads.**  
If the men of the 7th succeeded in pushing south along the north-south ridge line, they will have positions completely dominating Okinawa's major roads and two rail lines running southeast from Naha.

Once the rear is cleared, the 7th would be able to mount artillery on the ridges and stymie Japanese supply for the Shuri line with directly observed fire.

Vern Haugland, Associated Press front-line reporter, said men of the 96th had a tough scrap while moving down heights on the approaches to Yonabaru, but the actual entry virtually was unopposed.

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### Truman Expected to Disclose Biddle's Status Today

#### Resignation Submitted With Others, Says White House

Reports that Attorney General Francis Biddle was leaving the cabinet were strengthened today with a White House statement that Biddle would have an announcement on the matter at his press conference at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

The Biddle reports have been current for several weeks—even before the death of President Roosevelt, as a matter of fact—but have met with denial. However, after a report today that Mr. Biddle's resignation had been requested, Press Secretary Charles G. Ross issued this statement:

"The President has received the resignation of Francis Biddle as Attorney General and will have an announcement to make regarding this at his press conference at 4 o'clock."

"Mr. Biddle's resignation was received in conformity with the custom, under which cabinet officers submit their resignations upon the change in administration."

Mr. Ross declined, however, to say whether the Attorney General's resignation had been accepted, telling newsmen that the statement would have to stand for itself until the President was ready with his announcement.

Mr. Biddle returned from a trip to New York this morning, but his resignation had been accepted, telling newsmen that the statement would have to stand for itself until the President was ready with his announcement.

**Corens' Lawyer Says Head Lay Near Shack Of a Knife-Wielder**

#### Attorney Fails to Name Or Link Shanty Owner With Woman's Death

By J. B. ZATMAN.

Star Staff Correspondent.  
ANNAPOLIS, Md., May 23.—Harold C. Smith, attorney for Henry H. Corens, Bethesda automobile painter on trial in Anne Arundel County Circuit Court on a charge of murdering his wife, Pearl, 31, told a jury in his opening statement today that a shack in Fairfax County, Va., near the spot where Mrs. Corens' head was found February 27, was owned by a man who "loved to use a knife," and who "loved to cut, cut, and cut."

Mr. Smith did not name the shack owner, nor did he attempt to connect him with the murder. He said a broken in the rear of the shack had been seen by one of the men who pushed through the door.

Mr. Smith also said Mrs. Corens frequently spent week ends in Virginia and that several baskets similar to one found near her head and held in evidence was scattered along the road near the shack.

**Another Woman Involved.**  
In his opening statement, Montgomery County State's Attorney Joseph B. Simpson, Jr., said he would prove that Corens, 44, killed his wife February 12, at their home at 4515 Gladwyne drive, and that he took the body to the basement and sawed off the head on a laundry tray, using a hack saw.

He told the jury he would prove that flesh found behind the tray was human flesh, and that partly burned clothes bearing blood spots, found in the fireplace, had been worn by Mrs. Corens.

He added that Corens had given gifts to another woman and had proposed marriage to her. He said he will ask for a verdict of murder in the first degree.

Judge James Clark told jurors before court recessed for lunch that they might expect to "spend the night and tomorrow and possibly tomorrow night" on the case.

Members of the all-male and all-white jury came from all sections of the county, with only three chosen from the regular 24-man panel. The remaining nine were selected from a list of extra talesmen.

Defense counsel used all of their 20 challenges, while the prosecution used only eight of its 35.

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### Russia to Seek 16 Peace League Seats, Spokesman Asserts

#### Insists Soviet Has Right To Demand Friendly Polish Government

By STAFF CORRESPONDENT.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 23.—Russian aspirations were revealed by D. Z. Manuilski, chairman of the Ukrainian delegation to the United Nations Conference at an outspoken press conference yesterday. He spoke particularly for the Ukraine, but it is fair to describe him also as a spokesman for the Union of Soviet and Socialist Republics.

He made it clear that: 1. Eventually all of the 16 Soviet republics will seek membership in the United Nations organization, giving the U. S. S. R. 16 seats in the general assembly. Russia now has three, for Greater Russia, the Ukraine and Byelorussia (commonly called White Russia).

2. Russia will insist on a government in Poland entirely friendly to the Ukraine and the whole Soviet Union.

3. Russia will seek the best and most extensive trade relations with the United States and other nations.

4. It will strive for a better understanding of Russia and her problems by many who have been critics.

**Arrest of Poles Discussed.**  
In a sharp question-and-answer session with the press Mr. Manuilski gave the Russian view of the arrest of 16 Polish underground leaders, for which the American and British governments are seeking an official Moscow explanation.

"In Palestine I understand some Polish leaders have been arrested as well. He said the Russian authorities were to blame for the arrest of Poles, then criticism should go also to the authorities in Palestine."

Pressing the matter more strongly, Mr. Manuilski said that if, when the American Army was advancing in France, some Frenchmen had fired at the backs of the Americans, Gen. Eisenhower would have taken drastic measures.

"Do you think," he commented, "that Gen. Eisenhower, for whom I have great respect, could have tolerated such action or would he have taken adequate measures?"

**Asked About Concentration Camps.**  
He was asked if he meant that the liberation of Poland by the Russians was parallel with the liberation of France by the Americans, and what he had to say about the concentration camps set up in Poland and the arrest of Poles.

His reply was that the Russians, American and British armies have "all acted together in a common program" for victory.

He would not give any reason why an American journalist, have not been allowed to go into Poland, occupied by Russian troops, saying that was a matter of negotiation between the three governments.

Turning on critical questioners, Mr. Manuilski said their questions were not advancing the Allied cause. He added there used to be a man named Goebbels "who talked like that." Goebbels, he continued, has been captured by the enemy.

(See LINGCOLN, Page A-4.)

**President's Family to Spend Summer at Independence, Mo.**

President Truman's family expects to spend the summer in the old home in Independence, Mo., and the President himself will go out there for short visits whenever his official duties permit, Press Secretary Charles G. Ross said today.

Mr. Ross said Mrs. Truman, daughter Margaret and Mrs. Truman's mother, Mrs. David Wallace, would leave the Capital for Independence about June 1.

The Truman home is being repainted and redecorated for the family's occupancy.

Mr. Truman's 22-year-old mother, Mrs. Martha Truman, who came to

## Truman Will Go To Coast for Talk At Conference

### Stettinius Confirms Plans to Address Final Session

By J. A. FOX.

President Truman will go to San Francisco to address the final plenary session of the United Nations Conference, Secretary of State Stettinius announced today after a conference with the President.

At the same time, the Secretary, who returned from San Francisco earlier today, asserted his own "full confidence" that the "conference will come to a successful conclusion" some time early next month.

Mr. Stettinius said that he would not attempt to forecast the exact date at which the meeting will wind up because that would be dangerous.

He said he planned to visit former Secretary of State Hull at the Naval Hospital in Bethesda this afternoon.

Secretary Stettinius, who returned by plane for conferences with the President on critical problems, made the announcement of Mr. Truman's plans at the morning press conference of White House Press Secretary Charles G. Ross.

**15-Minute Meeting.**

He had just had a 15-minute meeting with the President at which he said they had "exchanged views on a wide variety of subjects." Asked if the Yugoslav situation figured in the discussion, Mr. Stettinius replied that "the President will have to speak as to specific items."

It had been indicated yesterday that the President intended to make the San Francisco trip, but it was not until he went over matters with Mr. Stettinius this morning that a decision was finally reached.

"I'm delighted to say that the President has agreed to come to San Francisco to speak at the final plenary session," Mr. Stettinius said.

**Won't Discuss Program.**  
The Secretary said he could not discuss the program for now until the windup.

He will return to San Francisco tonight or tomorrow, he said, adding that he had some work to do at the State Department today on the wide range of subjects which the President asked him to take up.

Anglo-American deadlocks with Russia over a new Polish government and joint occupation of Germany and Austria are among the pressing problems on which he may have consulted with the President.

### Jap Force Destroyed By British at Kabaing

By the Associated Press.

CALCUTTA, May 23.—Annihilation of a small Japanese force at Kabaing, 24 miles southwest of Thayetmyi, was reported today as British 14th Army troops continued to clean up remaining enemy resistance in Southern Burma.

To the East, casualties were inflicted on Japanese units caught in villages east of Puy, 33 miles south of Toungoo, the Mandalay-Tounggoo-Rangoon road, a Southeast Asia Command communiqué said.

A new, but slight, advance was made by forces moving eastward from Toungoo along the Mawchi road, pursuing enemy troops attempting to escape across the border into Thailand. The advance was made against stiff opposition and additional enemy guns were captured.

**Late Bulletins**  
**Rescued From River**  
Betty Smith, 16, of 124 C street S.E. was rescued by two younger companions today when she plunged into water over her head in the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal near the 4000 block of K street N.W.

Her Jordan, 13, of 1425 Madison avenue S.E. and Ralph Hobbs, 14, of 115 Fifth street S.E. She was taken to Emergency Hospital suffering from shock.

**Jap Offensive Reported**  
LONDON (AP).—The Paris radio said tonight that a new Japanese offensive had been launched against French forces in Indo-China. The broadcast said French forces were obliged to make some withdrawals and an airfield had been captured by the enemy.

**Pimlico Results**  
FIRST RACE—Purse, \$1,800; maiden 2-year-olds; 4 furlongs.  
Bank Note (Bertha) 4.30 2.50 2.40  
Mamamie (Youne) 3.00 2.50  
Malvina (Ker) 6.20  
Time, 1:13 1/4.

Also ran—Lady Lioniser, Lauraamar, Charming, Pimlico, Baby Barbara, Haitian Best, Azana.

SECOND RACE—Purse, \$1,500; claiming; 4-year-olds and up; 8 furlongs.  
First Son (Bertha) 3.00 2.50 2.70  
First Family (Martin) 3.30 4.00  
Upback (Arduin) 8.40  
Time, 3:56.

(Daily double paid \$10.50.)  
Also ran—Ashame, a On the Line, Play, Pondquarter, Patch Party, Madame.

THIRD RACE—Purse, \$2,000; steeplechase; 4-year-olds and up; 2 miles.  
Bank Note (Bertha) 4.20 3.00 2.40  
Abdiale (Harrison) 6.30 5.00  
Day View (Orv) 3.30  
Time, 3:56.

FOURTH RACE—Purse, \$5,000; the Rail; 2-year-olds; 4 1/4 furlongs.  
Lady Gunter (Brown) 2.80 2.30 2.10  
Sea Song (Bertha) 4.20 3.00 2.40  
Marine Victory (Clark) 2.80  
Time, 2:29.

Also ran—Broad Bridge, Seutleman, Artillery Bo.

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